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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to file Missing Parts of Application, issued July 3, 2001, submitted herewith is a declaration, signed by the inventors. Therefore, the requirement of the Patent and Trademark Office for a declaration has been met.

**SUBMISSION OF DECLARATION** 

In accordance with the provisions of the rules of the Patent and Trademark Office, the required surcharge of \$130.00 is appended hereto.

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